



NELSON PARK SCHOOL

'In all things seek the highest'

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"Ko toku rourou, ko tou rourou ka ora ai nga tamariki"
With my basket of knowledge and your basket of knowledge the well-being of all children will be fulfilled.



Term 4



Welcome back to the beginning of Term Four. I hope everyone had a relaxing break. I was fortunate to have been awarded Sabbatical Leave for Term Three. My focus has been Virtues Education and how it can be implemented into our new Curriculum. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jill Bowker for her leadership and to the Board of Trustees and staff for ensuring your child receives quality learning at Nelson Park School.

A big welcome to Danielle, Zoe & Eli who are starting school today in Room 1 and to Coco Room 8, Brayden Room 9, Paloma Room 10, Joel Room 11, Shaun & Teava Room 12, Rebekah Room 14 and Dayna in Room 18.

**For absent or late children please phone the office on 06-8352499 or text a message to 027-2417403
If arriving late for school it is essential for parents or child to inform the office on arrival.**



Term Dates

Please note the following dates
on your calendar.

- Oct 20:** Photos for cultural/sports teams & Rms1, 7 and 19
Oct 22: **Teacher Only Day**
Oct 23-26: HB Anniversary/Labour Day
Dec 11: Learning Journals & written reports home.
2009 class included.
Dec15: School Picnic at Eskdale Park
Dec 16: Children meet their 2010 teacher at 2.30pm.
Year 6 farewell function
Dec 17: **Last day of the term.** Final Assembly – Napier
Intermediate – 11.30-12.15pm.
Children dismissed at 12.30pm.

There will be other events throughout the term, which will be advertised through our school newsletter or syndicate newsletter.

Teacher Only Day – THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

The government has granted schools two Teacher Only Days to work on our new Curriculum. Our second TOD is **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22**. Parents/caregivers are asked to keep children at home on this day. SMARTEZ is available if needed. Please contact them on 021 02551712.

Influx of New Entrant Numbers

As the year has gone on we have noticed a significant increase in New Entrant numbers from within our zone coming to our school. All our classes are now full up, so we are having to use the staffroom as a classroom from the beginning of this term. Mrs Brodie and Mrs Diver will be teaching this class for the term. Our staffroom is now in the hall.

Top House



Congratulations to **WHITE HOUSE** for being the top House in Term Three. Their treat happens on this Friday, October 16!!

Chess Tournament



Good luck to those children representing the school at the chess tournament being held this Friday in Hastings.

Sun Safe School

Nelson Park School practices Sun Safety and from the beginning of Term Four, all children will receive a sunhat in the colour of their House. The sunhats have been washed. All staff, as good role models, will also be wearing their Sunhat. We encourage parents/caregivers to also wear a suitable sunhat.

We also wish to see children dressed appropriately for the summer, Tee-shirt, shorts and suitable footwear. Shoulders and tummy need to be covered!! We supply a sun block that is provided by the Cancer society. Children may also wear sunglasses. Sunhats do not need to be worn if it is raining

Property Projects

As part of the school's redevelopment a number of property projects will begin soon. They include:

- New carpet in Rooms 3 and 5 (completed);
- Water Exploration Waka (completed);
- Safety matting in the third Waka outside Room 1 (Term 4 - subject to Grant funding);
- Heat Pumps throughout the school (December/ January);
- Tender process for the building of new classrooms and resource room (November);
- Begin building of new classrooms and resource room (January 2010).

As you can see a very exciting time for the school. I will keep you informed of progress throughout the term.

Pupil School Council:

One pupil from each Year 3-6 class have been elected to be members of the Pupil School Council. They will be wearing a distinctive red vest and a badge. They run the meetings and school-wide assembly, consult with pupils and are involved with a number of very important responsibilities. They are our leaders and they have a very important role to act as positive role models for other children.

Congratulations to the following pupils for being appointed to the School Council for Term Four:

Room 8: Nina Cameron
 Room 9: Anna Powell, Josh Clere
 Room 10: John Houghton, Mikayla Briggs
 Room 11: Cody Thomson, Zac Welsh
 Room 12: James Milner
 Room 13: Lisa Grace, Cameron Glasspool
 Room 14: Daria Preece, Rebecca Porter
 Room 17: Chloe Peka, Bailey Bulled
 Room 18: Blayde Cooper

House Captains

House Leaders for the term are:

Blue House: Oscar Cameron, Kaleb Carr
 Red House: Matthew Harris, Maggie Pederson
 Green House: Manaia Clayton, Celina Kanthavong
 White House: Jarrod Hart, Kendra Rowe
 Yellow House: Stevie Hawkins, Gabriel Whincop

The Virtue of Excellence

Excellence means doing the very best you can in everything you are involved in, whether it is a task or the way you interact with others. **Excellence** is real effort put into what you do guided by purpose and it is a desire for perfection.

A big thank you to all the families that donated toys, clothes and bedding items to our family that lost their home through fire at the end of Term 3. They were overwhelmed by your generosity and the support received from the Nelson Park School community.

Sports, Cultural, New Entrants Photos

These have been scheduled for Tuesday 20th October. A notice will be going home to those involved.

**Community Notices****Wine barrels for Sale**

Carlyle Kindy are fundraising to build a cottage for their family play area. They have half barrels for \$40.00 and whole barrels for \$70.00. Please call Raewyn 8350058 to order one or more.

Nevan Bridge, Principal